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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated as mailed on November 19, 2007, and having a period of response extending through and including February 19, 2008, please make the below-identified amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.